

Senate Resolution 1302

By: Senators Butterworth of the 50th, Balfour of the 9th, Unterman of the 45th and Shafer of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Marie Ann Payne; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Ms. Marie Ann Payne of Lawrenceville, Georgia, demonstrated quick thinking,
3 courage, and initiative that helped save the life of a fellow Georgian; and
- 4 WHEREAS, on February 10, 2010, as Ms. Payne was driving on Interstate 85 in Gwinnett
5 County, an out-of-control van grinded along the retaining wall of the HOV lane ahead of her;
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, as she saw other cars slamming on the brakes in front of her, Ms. Payne pulled
8 her vehicle alongside the van and observed the driver slumped over and apparently
9 unresponsive; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Ms. Payne stopped her vehicle in front of the van and attempted to gain access
11 to the man by breaking the van's window with a rollerblade she found in the back seat of her
12 car; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Ms. Payne was unable to break the window but had the foresight to know her
14 parked car would help stop the out-of-control van and, with the help of another motorist,
15 broke the window with a tire iron; and
- 16 WHEREAS, after gaining access she attended to the unconscious 65-year-old driver while
17 another volunteer administered CPR; and
- 18 WHEREAS, thanks to her courageous and helpful actions, the van driver was stabilized and
19 taken to the hospital for treatment; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Ms. Payne received training as a first responder from Demorest Fire
21 Department and Habersham County Fire Department; and

22 WHEREAS, she was inspired to become a volunteer firefighter and first responder by her
23 uncle Barry Nation, a firefighter in Clarkesville, and after witnessing her grandmother's
24 sudden passing from a massive heart attack and being unable to perform CPR; and

25 WHEREAS, Ms. Payne is rightfully recognized for her incredible performance under
26 extreme pressure and uncommon heroism in coming to the aid of another.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 commend the care, courage, and selfless dedication exhibited by Ms. Marie Ann Payne and
29 extend to her their most sincere gratitude for her bravery and commitment in saving the life
30 of a fellow Georgian.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Marie Ann Payne.